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8 **BEFORE THE**  
**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**  
9 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
10 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the Petition to Revoke  
Probation Against:

12 JULIE ROBIN RALLS, M.D.  
13 P.O. Box 16401  
14 Albuquerque, NM 87191

15 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G  
63700,

16 Respondent.

Case No. 800-2017-029097

OAH No. 2017070052

**DEFAULT DECISION  
AND ORDER**

[Gov. Code, §11520]

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19 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

20 1. On or about May 18, 2017, Complainant Kimberly Kirchmeyer, in her official  
21 capacity as the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer  
22 Affairs, filed Petition to Revoke Probation No. 800-2017-029097 against Julie Robin Ralls, M.D.  
23 (Respondent) before the Medical Board of California.

24 2. On or about August 8, 1988, the Medical Board of California (Board) issued  
25 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 63700 to Respondent. The Physician's and Surgeon's  
26 Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will  
27 expire on June 30, 2018, unless renewed. A true and correct copy of the certificate of licensure is  
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1 attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

2 3. On or about May 18, 2017, Dianne Richards, an employee of the Complainant  
3 Agency, served by Certified Mail a copy of the Petition to Revoke Probation No. 800-2017-  
4 029097, a Request for Discovery, a Notice to Respondent and two blank copies of a Notice of  
5 Defense, together with the Disciplinary Guidelines, to Respondent's address of record with the  
6 Board, which was and is P.O. Box 16401, Albuquerque, NM 87191. A copy of the Petition to  
7 Revoke Probation, the related documents, and Declaration of Service are attached as Exhibit B,  
8 and are incorporated herein by reference.

9 4. Service of the Petition to Revoke Probation was effective as a matter of law under the  
10 provisions of Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c).

11 5. On or about June 20, 2107, Respondent signed and returned a Notice of Defense,  
12 requesting a hearing in this matter. A Notice of Hearing was served by mail at Respondent's  
13 address of record and it informed her that an administrative hearing in this matter was scheduled  
14 for November 29, 2017. Respondent failed to appear at that hearing. A copy of Respondent's  
15 Notice of Defense, the Notice of Hearing, Declaration of Service and the Administrative Law  
16 Judge's Findings and Declaration of Default; Order of Remand are attached hereto as Exhibit C,  
17 and are incorporated herein by reference.

18 6. Government Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:

19 "(c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent files a  
20 notice of defense, and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts of the accusation  
21 not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense shall constitute a waiver of  
22 respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing."

23 7. California Government Code section 11520 states, in pertinent part:

24 "(a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense or to appear at the hearing, the  
25 agency may take action based upon the respondent's express admissions or upon other evidence  
26 and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to respondent."

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8. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board finds Respondent is in default. The Board will take action without further hearing and, based on Respondent's express admissions by way of default and the evidence before it, contained in Exhibits A, B and C, finds that the allegations in Petition to Revoke Probation No. 800-2017-029097 are true.

## DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Julie Robin Ralls, M.D. has subjected her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 63700 to discipline.

2. A copy of the Petition to Revoke Probation and the related documents and Declaration of Service are attached.

3. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.

4. The Medical Board of California is authorized to revoke Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate based upon the following violations alleged in the Petition to Revoke Probation:

5. Respondent failed to comply with the terms of her probation by failing to:

i. practice in California in excess of two years, a violation of condition # 13 of probation;

ii. maintain a current and renewed California physician's and surgeon's certificate, in

violation of condition # 11 of probation;

iii. provide the Board with semi-annual declarations for the reporting period July-December 2016, in violation of condition of probation # 10 of probation; and

iv. enroll in a clinical training program after 18 months of non-practice in violation of condition # 13 of probation.

ORDER

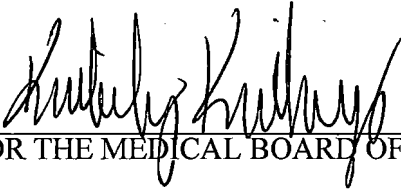
IT IS SO ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 63700, heretofore issued to Respondent JULIE ROBIN RALLS, M.D., is revoked.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within

1 seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may  
2 vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

3 This Decision shall become effective on March 30, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

4 It is so ORDERED March 1, 2018

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7 FOR THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
8 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
9 Kimberly Kirchmeyer  
10 Executive Director  
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Probation Against:

Case No. 800-2017-029097

JULIE ROBIN RALLS, M.D.  
P.O. Box 16401  
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PETITION TO REVOKE PROBATION

Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G  
63700,

Respondent.

Complainant alleges:

PARTIES

1. Kimberly Kirchmeyer (Complainant) brings this Petition to Revoke Probation solely in her official capacity as the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs.

2. On or about August 8, 1988, the Medical Board of California issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number G 63700 to Julie Robin Ralls, M.D. (Respondent). That Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate expires on June 30, 2018.

3. In a disciplinary action entitled "In the Matter of Accusation Against Julie Robin Ralls, M.D.," Case No. 04-2011-218290, the Medical Board of California, issued a decision, effective March 7, 2014, in which Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was

1 revoked. However, the revocation was stayed and Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's  
2 Certificate was placed on probation for a period of three (3) years with certain terms and  
3 conditions. A copy of that decision is attached as Exhibit A and is incorporated by reference.

#### 4 JURISDICTION

5 4. This Petition to Revoke Probation is brought before the Medical Board of California  
6 (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section  
7 references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

8 5. Section 2227 of the Code provides, that a licensee who is found guilty under the  
9 Medical Practice Act may have his or her license revoked, suspended for a period not to exceed  
10 one year, placed on probation and required to pay the costs of probation monitoring or such other  
11 action taken in relation to discipline as the Board deems proper.

#### 12 FIRST CAUSE TO REVOKE PROBATION

13 (Failing to Maintain a Current California Physician's and Surgeon's License)

14 6. At all times after the effective date of Respondent's probation, Condition 11 stated, in  
15 relevant part:

16 "Respondent shall maintain a current and renewed California physician's and surgeon's  
17 license."

18 7. Respondent's probation is subject to revocation because she failed to comply with  
19 Probation Condition 11, referenced above. The circumstances are that Respondent's license  
20 expired on June 30, 2014, and was not renewed until December 21, 2016.

#### 21 SECOND CAUSE TO REVOKE PROBATION

22 (Non-Practice in Excess of Two Years)

23 8. At all times after the effective date of Respondent's probation, Condition 13 stated, in  
24 relevant part:

25 "Respondent's period of non-practice while on probation shall not exceed two (2) years."

26 9. Respondent's probation is subject to revocation because she failed to comply with  
27 Probation Condition 13, referenced above. The circumstances are that Respondent has not  
28 practiced in California for a period of time in excess of two years.

1 P R A Y E R

2 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,  
3 and that following the hearing, the Medical Board of California issue a decision:

4 1. Revoking the probation that was granted by the Medical Board of California in Case  
5 No. 04-2011-218290 and imposing the disciplinary order that was stayed thereby revoking  
6 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 63700 issued to Julie Robin Ralls, M.D.;

7 2. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 63700, issued to  
8 Julie Robin Ralls, M.D.;

9 3. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Julie Robin Ralls, M.D.'s authority to  
10 supervise physicians assistants, pursuant to section 3527 of the Code and advanced practice  
11 nurses;

12 4. Ordering Julie Robin Ralls, M.D. to pay the Medical Board of California, if placed on  
13 probation, the costs of probation monitoring; and,

14 5. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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16 DATED: May 18, 2017

  
KIMBERLY KIRCHMEYER  
Executive Director  
Medical Board of California  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
State of California  
Complainant

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# **Exhibit A**

**Decision and Order**

**Medical Board of California Case No. 04-2011-218290**

BEFORE THE  
MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation  
Against:

JULIE R. RALLS, M.D.

Case No. 04-2011-218290

Physician's and Surgeon's  
Certificate No. G 63700

Respondent

DECISION

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on March 7, 2014.

IT IS SO ORDERED: February 7, 2014.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

*Dev GnanaDev MD*

Dev GnanaDev, M.D., Chair  
Panel B

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

I do hereby certify that this document is a true  
and correct copy of the original on file in this  
office.

*Cynthia Kanga*  
Signature

*Custodian of records*  
Title

*12/30/2016*  
Date

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10 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
11 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 04-2011-218290

12 JULIE R. RALLS, M.D.

STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND  
DISCIPLINARY ORDER

13 2598 San Joaquin Hill Drive  
14 Corona Del Mar, California 92625

15 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate G 63700,  
16 Respondent.

17 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-  
18 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

19 PARTIES

20 1. Kimberly Kirchmeyer (Complainant) is the Interim Executive Director of the Medical  
21 Board of California. She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in  
22 this matter by Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Randall R.  
23 Murphy, Deputy Attorney General.

24 2. Respondent Julie R. Ralls, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by  
25 attorney Miguel Duarte of 13181 Crossroads Parkway North, Suite 320, Industry, California  
26 91746.

27 3. On or about August 8, 1988, the Medical Board of California issued Physician's and  
28 Surgeon's Certificate number G 63700 to Julie R. Ralls, M.D. That license was in full force and

1 effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 04-2011-218290 and will  
2 expire on June 30, 2014, unless renewed.

3 JURISDICTION

4 4. Accusation No. 04-2011-218290 was filed before the Medical Board of California  
5 (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The  
6 Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on  
7 August 6, 2012. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.

8 5. A copy of Accusation No. 04-2011-218290 is attached as Exhibit A and is  
9 incorporated herein by reference.

10 ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

11 6. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the  
12 charges and allegations in Accusation No. 04-2011-218290. Respondent has also carefully read,  
13 fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and  
14 Disciplinary Order.

15 7. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a  
16 hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at  
17 her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to  
18 present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to  
19 compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration  
20 and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California  
21 Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

22 8. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and  
23 every right set forth above.

24 CULPABILITY

25 9. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation  
26 No. 04-2011-218290, and that she has thereby subjected her license to disciplinary action.  
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10. Respondent agrees that her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate is subject to discipline and she agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

## CONTINGENCY

11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Medical Board of California. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Medical Board of California may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or her counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

12. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 63700 issued to Respondent Julie R. Ralls, M.D., is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for three (3) years on the following terms and conditions.

1. REVOCATION - SINGLE CAUSE, Certificate No. G 63700 issued to Respondent Julie R. Ralls, M.D. is revoked.

2. STANDARD STAY ORDER. However, revocation stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for three years upon the following terms and conditions.

1           3.    CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES - ABSTAIN FROM USE. Respondent shall abstain  
2 completely from the personal use or possession of controlled substances as defined in the  
3 California Uniform Controlled Substances Act, dangerous drugs as defined by Business and  
4 Professions Code section 4022, and any drugs requiring a prescription. This prohibition does not  
5 apply to medications lawfully prescribed to Respondent by another practitioner for a bona fide  
6 illness or condition.

7           Within 15 calendar days of receiving any lawfully prescribed medications, Respondent  
8 shall notify the Board or its designee of the: issuing practitioner's name, address, and telephone  
9 number; medication name, strength, and quantity; and issuing pharmacy name, address, and  
10 telephone number.

11           If Respondent has a confirmed positive biological fluid test for any substance (whether or  
12 not legally prescribed) and has not reported the use to the Board or its designee, Respondent  
13 shall receive a notification from the Board or its designee to immediately cease the practice of  
14 medicine. The Respondent shall not resume the practice of medicine until final decision on an  
15 accusation and/or a petition to revoke probation. An accusation and/or petition to revoke  
16 probation shall be filed by the Board within 15 days of the notification to cease practice. If the  
17 Respondent requests a hearing on the accusation and/or petition to revoke probation, the Board  
18 shall provide the Respondent with a hearing within 30 days of the request, unless the Respondent  
19 stipulates to a later hearing. A decision shall be received from the Administrative Law Judge or  
20 the Board within 15 days unless good cause can be shown for the delay. The cessation of practice  
21 shall not apply to the reduction of the probationary time period.

22           If the Board does not file an accusation or petition to revoke probation within 15 days of the  
23 issuance of the notification to cease practice or does not provide Respondent with a hearing  
24 within 30 days of a such a request, the notification of cease practice shall be dissolved.

25           4.    BIOLOGICAL FLUID TESTING. Respondent shall immediately submit to  
26 biological fluid testing, at Respondent's expense, upon request of the Board or its designee.  
27 "Biological fluid testing" may include, but is not limited to, urine, blood, breathalyzer, hair  
28 follicle testing, or similar drug screening approved by the Board or its designee. Prior to

1 practicing medicine, Respondent shall contract with a laboratory or service approved in advance  
2 by the Board or its designee that will conduct random, unannounced, observed, biological fluid  
3 testing. The contract shall require results of the tests to be transmitted by the laboratory or  
4 service directly to the Board or its designee within four hours of the results becoming available.  
5 Respondent shall maintain this laboratory or service contract during the period of probation.

6 A certified copy of any laboratory test result may be received in evidence in any  
7 proceedings between the Board and Respondent.

8 If Respondent fails to cooperate in a random biological fluid testing program within the  
9 specified time frame, Respondent shall receive a notification from the Board or its designee to  
10 immediately cease the practice of medicine. The Respondent shall not resume the practice of  
11 medicine until final decision on an accusation and/or a petition to revoke probation. An  
12 accusation and/or petition to revoke probation shall be filed by the Board within 15 days of the  
13 notification to cease practice. If the Respondent requests a hearing on the accusation and/or  
14 petition to revoke probation, the Board shall provide the Respondent with a hearing within 30  
15 days of the request, unless the Respondent stipulates to a later hearing. A decision shall be  
16 received from the Administrative Law Judge or the Board within 15 days unless good cause can  
17 be shown for the delay. The cessation of practice shall not apply to the reduction of the  
18 probationary time period.

19 If the Board does not file an accusation or petition to revoke probation within 15 days of the  
20 issuance of the notification to cease practice or does not provide Respondent with a hearing  
21 within 30 days of a such a request, the notification of cease practice shall be dissolved.

22 5. PROFESSIONALISM PROGRAM (ETHICS) COURSE. Within 60 calendar days of  
23 the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a professionalism program, that  
24 meets the requirements of Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 1358.  
25 Respondent shall participate in and successfully complete that program. Respondent shall  
26 provide any information and documents that the program may deem pertinent. Respondent shall  
27 successfully complete the classroom component of the program not later than six (6) months after  
28 Respondent's initial enrollment, and the longitudinal component of the program not later than the

1 time specified by the program, but no later than one (1) year after attending the classroom  
2 component. The professionalism program shall be at Respondent's expense and shall be in  
3 addition to the Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for renewal of licensure.

4 A professionalism program taken after the acts that gave rise to the charges in the  
5 Accusation, but prior to the effective date of the Decision may, in the sole discretion of the Board  
6 or its designee, be accepted towards the fulfillment of this condition if the program would have  
7 been approved by the Board or its designee had the program been taken after the effective date of  
8 this Decision.

9 Respondent shall submit a certification of successful completion to the Board or its  
10 designee not later than 15 calendar days after successfully completing the program or not later  
11 than 15 calendar days after the effective date of the Decision, whichever is later.

12 6. PSYCHOTHERAPY. Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision,  
13 Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee for prior approval the name and  
14 qualifications of a California-licensed board certified psychiatrist or a licensed psychologist who  
15 has a doctoral degree in psychology and at least five years of postgraduate experience in the  
16 diagnosis and treatment of emotional and mental disorders. Upon approval, Respondent shall  
17 undergo and continue psychotherapy treatment, including any modifications to the frequency of  
18 psychotherapy, until the Board or its designee deems that no further psychotherapy is necessary.  
19 It is understood by the Board that Respondent's current psychotherapist may continue to treat  
20 Respondent in fulfillment of the terms of this paragraph.

21 The psychotherapist shall consider any information provided by the Board or its designee  
22 and any other information the psychotherapist deems relevant and shall furnish a written  
23 evaluation report to the Board or its designee. Respondent shall cooperate in providing the  
24 psychotherapist any information and documents that the psychotherapist may deem pertinent.

25 Respondent shall have the treating psychotherapist submit quarterly status reports to the  
26 Board or its designee. The Board or its designee may require Respondent to undergo psychiatric  
27 evaluations by a Board-appointed board certified psychiatrist. If, prior to the completion of  
28 probation, Respondent is found to be mentally unfit to resume the practice of medicine without

1 restrictions, the Board shall retain continuing jurisdiction over Respondent's license and the  
2 period of probation shall be extended until the Board determines that Respondent is mentally fit  
3 to resume the practice of medicine without restrictions.

4 Respondent shall pay the cost of all psychotherapy and psychiatric evaluations.

5 7. NOTIFICATION. Within seven (7) days of the effective date of this Decision, the  
6 Respondent shall provide a true copy of this Decision and Accusation to the Chief of Staff or the  
7 Chief Executive Officer at every hospital where privileges or membership are extended to  
8 Respondent, at any other facility where Respondent engages in the practice of medicine,  
9 including all physician and locum tenens registries or other similar agencies, and to the Chief  
10 Executive Officer at every insurance carrier which extends malpractice insurance coverage to  
11 Respondent. Respondent shall submit proof of compliance to the Board or its designee within 15  
12 calendar days.

13 This condition shall apply to any change(s) in hospitals, other facilities or insurance carrier.

14 8. SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS. During probation, Respondent is  
15 prohibited from supervising physician assistants.

16 9. OBEY ALL LAWS. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, all rules  
17 governing the practice of medicine in California and remain in full compliance with any court  
18 ordered criminal probation, payments, and other orders.

19 10. QUARTERLY DECLARATIONS. Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations  
20 under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Board, stating whether there has been  
21 compliance with all the conditions of probation.

22 Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations not later than 10 calendar days after the end  
23 of the preceding quarter.

24 11. GENERAL PROBATION REQUIREMENTS.

25 Compliance with Probation Unit

26 Respondent shall comply with the Board's probation unit and all terms and conditions of  
27 this Decision.

28 Address Changes

1 Respondent shall, at all times, keep the Board informed of Respondent's business and  
2 residence addresses, email address (if available), and telephone number. Changes of such  
3 addresses shall be immediately communicated in writing to the Board or its designee. Under no  
4 circumstances shall a post office box serve as an address of record, except as allowed by Business  
5 and Professions Code section 2021(b). It is understood by the Board that respondent is currently  
6 in an educational training program in New Mexico, of which address related thereto the Board is  
7 deemed to have notice.

8 Place of Practice

9 Respondent shall not engage in the practice of medicine in Respondent's or patient's place  
10 of residence, unless the patient resides in a skilled nursing facility or other similar licensed  
11 facility.

12 License Renewal

13 Respondent shall maintain a current and renewed California physician's and surgeon's  
14 license.

15 Travel or Residence Outside California

16 Respondent shall immediately inform the Board or its designee, in writing, of travel to any  
17 areas outside the jurisdiction of California which lasts, or is contemplated to last, more than thirty  
18 (30) calendar days. However, it is understood by the Board that Respondent is currently in an  
19 educational training program in New Mexico, of which the Board is deemed to have notice.

20 In the event Respondent should leave the State of California to reside or to practice, except  
21 as noted in the preceding paragraph, Respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing  
22 30 calendar days prior to the dates of departure and return.

23 12. INTERVIEW WITH THE BOARD OR ITS DESIGNEE. Respondent shall be  
24 available in person upon request for interviews either at Respondent's place of business or at the  
25 probation unit office, with or without prior notice throughout the term of probation.

26 13. NON-PRACTICE WHILE ON PROBATION. Respondent shall notify the Board or  
27 its designee in writing within 15 calendar days of any periods of non-practice lasting more than  
28 30 calendar days and within 15 calendar days of Respondent's return to practice, except as noted

1 in paragraph 12. Non-practice is defined as any period of time Respondent is not practicing  
2 medicine in California as defined in Business and Professions Code sections 2051 and 2052 for at  
3 least 40 hours in a calendar month in direct patient care, clinical activity or teaching, or other  
4 activity as approved by the Board. All time spent in an intensive training program which has  
5 been approved by the Board or its designee shall not be considered non-practice. Practicing  
6 medicine in another state of the United States or Federal jurisdiction while on probation with the  
7 medical licensing authority of that state or jurisdiction shall not be considered non-practice. A  
8 Board-ordered suspension of practice shall not be considered as a period of non-practice.

9 In the event Respondent's period of non-practice while on probation exceeds 18 calendar  
10 months, Respondent shall successfully complete a clinical training program that meets the criteria  
11 of Condition 18 of the current version of the Board's "Manual of Model Disciplinary Orders and  
12 Disciplinary Guidelines" prior to resuming the practice of medicine.

13 Respondent's period of non-practice while on probation shall not exceed two (2) years.

14 Periods of non-practice will not apply to the reduction of the probationary term, except as  
15 noted in paragraph 12.

16 Periods of non-practice will relieve Respondent of the responsibility to comply with the  
17 probationary terms and conditions with the exception of this condition and the following terms  
18 and conditions of probation: Obey All Laws; and General Probation Requirements.

19 14. COMPLETION OF PROBATION. Respondent shall comply with all financial  
20 obligations (e.g., restitution, probation costs) not later than 120 calendar days prior to the  
21 completion of probation. Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's certificate shall  
22 be fully restored.

23 15. VIOLATION OF PROBATION. Failure to fully comply with any term or condition  
24 of probation is a violation of probation. If Respondent violates probation in any respect, the  
25 Board, after giving Respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and  
26 carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an Accusation, or Petition to Revoke Probation,  
27 or an Interim Suspension Order is filed against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have  
28 continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until

1 the matter is final.


2 16. LICENSE SURRENDER. Following the effective date of this Decision, if  
3 Respondent ceases practicing due to retirement or health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy  
4 the terms and conditions of probation. Respondent may request to surrender his or her license.  
5 The Board reserves the right to evaluate Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion in  
6 determining whether or not to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate  
7 and reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender, Respondent  
8 shall within 15 calendar days deliver Respondent's wallet and wall certificate to the Board or its  
9 designee and Respondent shall no longer practice medicine. Respondent will no longer be subject  
10 to the terms and conditions of probation. If Respondent re-applies for a medical license, the  
11 application shall be treated as a petition for reinstatement of a revoked certificate.

12 17. PROBATION MONITORING COSTS. Respondent shall pay the costs associated  
13 with probation monitoring each and every year of probation, as designated by the Board, which  
14 may be adjusted on an annual basis. Such costs shall be payable to the Medical Board of  
15 California and delivered to the Board or its designee no later than January 31 of each calendar  
16 year.

17 ACCEPTANCE

18 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully  
19 discussed it with my attorney, Miguel Duarte, Esq.. I understand the stipulation and the effect it  
20 will have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and  
21 Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the  
22 Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.

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24 DATED: 12-7-13

  
25 JULIE R. RALLS, M.D.  
Respondent

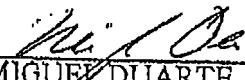
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1 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Julie R. Ralls, M.D. the terms and  
2 conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.  
3 I approve its form and content.

4 DATED: 12/8/13

  
MIGUEL DUARTE  
Attorney for Respondent

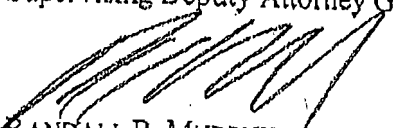
7 ENDORSEMENT

8 The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully  
9 submitted for consideration by the Medical Board of California.

10 Dated: 12/9/13

Respectfully submitted,

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**Exhibit A**

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BEFORE THE  
MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:  
JULIE R. RALLS, M.D.  
2675 Irvine Avenue, Suite 100  
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Case No. 04-2011-218290

ACCUSATION

Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G  
63700,

Respondent.

Complainant alleges:

PARTIES

1. Linda K. Whitney (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs.
2. On or about August 8, 1988, the Medical Board of California issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number G 63700 to Julie R. Ralls, M.D. (Respondent). That Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on June 30, 2014, unless renewed.

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## JURISDICTION

3. This Accusation is brought before the Medical Board of California (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

4. Section 2004 of the Code in part states:

"The board shall have the responsibility for the following:

"(a) The enforcement of the disciplinary and criminal provisions of the Medical Practice Act.

"(b) The administration and hearing of disciplinary actions.

"(c) Carrying out disciplinary actions appropriate to findings made by a panel or an administrative law judge.

"(d) Suspending, revoking, or otherwise limiting certificates after the conclusion of disciplinary actions.

"(e) Reviewing the quality of medical practice carried out by physician and surgeon certificate holders under the jurisdiction of the board.

"..."

5. Section 2227 of the Code provides that a licensee who is found guilty under the Medical Practice Act may have his or her license revoked, suspended for a period not to exceed one year, placed on probation and required to pay the costs of probation monitoring, or such other action taken in relation to discipline as the Division deems proper.

6. Section 820 of the Code states:

"Whenever it appears that any person holding a license, certificate or permit under this division or under any initiative act referred to in this division may be unable to practice his or her profession safely because the licensee's ability to practice is impaired due to mental illness, or physical illness affecting competency, the licensing agency may order the licensee to be examined by one or more physicians and surgeons or psychologists designated by the agency. The report of the examiners shall be made available to the licensee and may be received as direct evidence in proceedings conducted pursuant to Section 822."

1       7.    Section 822 of the Code states:

2        "If a licensing agency determines that its licensee's ability to practice his or her profession  
3 safely is impaired because the licensee is mentally ill, or physically ill affecting competency, the  
4 licensing agency may take action by any one of the following methods:

5       (a) Revoking the licensee's certificate or license.

6       (b) Suspending the licensee's right to practice.

7       (c) Placing the licensee on probation.

8       (d) Taking such other action in relation to the licensee as the licensing agency in its  
9 discretion deems proper.

10       The licensing agency shall not reinstate a revoked or suspended certificate or license until it  
11 has received competent evidence of the absence or control of the condition which caused its  
12 action and until it is satisfied that with due regard for the public health and safety the person's  
13 right to practice his or her profession may be safely reinstated."

14       8.    Section 824 of the Code states:

15        "The licensing agency may proceed against a licensee under either Section 820, or 822, or  
16 under both sections."

17       9.    Section 825 of the Code states:

18        "As used in this article with reference to persons holding licenses as physicians and  
19 surgeons, "licensing agency" means a panel of the Division of Medical Quality<sup>1</sup>."

20       10.   Section 826 of the Code states:

21        "The proceedings under Sections 821 and 822 shall be conducted in accordance with  
22 Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government  
23 Code, and the licensing agency and the licensee shall have all the rights and powers granted  
24 therein."

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27       <sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2002, "Division of Medical Quality"  
28 or "Division" shall be deemed to refer to the Medical Board of California.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE  
(Mental Illness)

11. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 820 and 822 in that she suffers from a mental illness. The circumstances are as follows:

12. On or about March 22, 2012, C. W. Christopher Heh, M.D., F. A.C. P., a Board-appointed psychiatrist, performed a mental examination of Respondent. Dr. Heh concluded that Respondent suffers from a mental disorder that can impact her ability to practice medicine. He further stated that if her mental disorder is not treated properly and monitored properly, it is only a matter of time before a patient will be harmed.

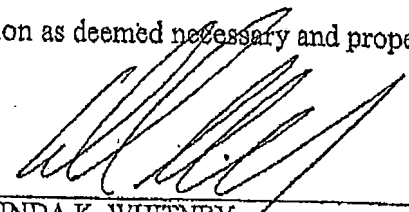
13. Despite Respondent's mental impairments, to date Respondent is continuing to treat patients.

PRAAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Medical Board of California issue a decision:

1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number G 63700, issued to Julie R. Ralls, M.D..
2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of her authority to supervise physician's assistants, pursuant to section 3527 of the Code;
3. Ordering her to pay the Medical Board of California, if placed on probation, the costs of probation monitoring;
4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: August 6, 2012

  
LINDA K. WHITNEY  
Executive Director  
Medical Board of California  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
State of California  
Complainant

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